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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Inaugural Veteran's Reference Group Meeting

The Veterans' Reference Group held its first meeting today providing information and insights on issues relating to veterans and ex-servicemen and women to the Hodgman Liberal Government.

Today's meeting focused on a briefing on the Government's approach to managing veteran's affairs including the \$100,000 Teddy Sheean Memorial Grant and other initiatives designed to support veterans and ex-serving personnel.

The group also agreed to provide input on a project to develop an active recreation project for veterans in partnership with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service. The Government has committed \$225,000 over three years to this project.

I am also pleased to announce Brigadier John Withers has been appointed as the Chair of the Group. BRIG Withers was previously the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer – Tasmania.

Other members include Ms Natalie Sankey, Mr Joshua Miller, Ms Allison Merridew, Mr Phillip De Bomford, Mr Grant Herring, Mrs Cheryl Amol and Dr Jon Lane.